

23 October 1970

SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

\*23 October, New York

The New York Peace Action Coalition, a collection of protest groups which is controlled by the SWP, is sponsoring a demonstration at the United Nations Plaza on the above date during President Nixon's scheduled visit to the UN. Details of the demonstration have not been publicized. *FILE 104-13 - 110-17*

\*23-25 October, Alexandria, Virginia

The Virginia conference of the NAACP will convene on the above dates. Virginia Governor Linwood Holton has urged Virginians to observe 25 October as NAACP Freedom Sunday to "secure unto all citizens the blessings of liberty within the framework of the Constitution of the United States." *Wash Star 10/21/70*

23-25 October, Vofuntown, Connecticut

The Committee for Nonviolent Action is sponsoring an antiwar conference on the above dates. Reportedly participants will include a representative from the BPP. *FILE 100-67-257*

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\*24 October, New York City

A coalition of pro-Arab groups, mainly sympathizers of the Palestine Liberation Organization, have announced that they will hold a free Palestine demonstration at the United Nations Building on the above date. No additional details are available. *FBI 10/25/68*

24 October, Ft. Worth - Dallas, Texas

The Ft. Worth and Dallas Peace Coalition plans to hold demonstrations during the Vice President's visit to that area. A spokesman for the group stated that Ramsey Clark and Jane Fonda have been invited to participate. The group feels that the President may visit Texas at the same time as the Vice President. *FBI 10/25/68*

\*24 October, New York City

A Cuban student organization (Federacion Estudiantil Cubana) plans to demonstrate at the UN Building on the above date to protest the reported appearance of Fidel Castro and Cuban President Dorticos at the 25th anniversary of the UN. Reportedly an official of the FEC which allegedly has college chapters in various parts of the United States has been in New York since 13 October coordinating plans for the demonstration. The FEC will picket the UN Building, and an anonymous telephone call will be made to the New York City Police Dept. reporting that a bomb has been placed inside the UN Building. The FEC anticipates that authorities will then remove all UN delegates from the building at which time FEC members will attempt to rush police lines and enter the building. *FBI 10/25/68*

\*25 October, Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Peace Action Council has scheduled a conference at 8 p. m. on the topic "Aggression Abroad, Repression at Home." Featured speakers are Douglas Dowd, Rennie Davis and Michael Tigar. UCLA philosophy professor Donald Kalish, a past strong supporter and direct supervisor for Angela Davis, is the coordinator of the conference. Kalish has indicated that conference proceeds will go to the Seattle Liberation Front (presumably for their legal defense fund). *10/25/68*

\*26 October, Greenville, South Carolina

Father Michael Kaney, chairman of the Greenville chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a pacifist group, has applied for a

permit to hold an antiwar rally at Greenville during Vice President Agnew's visit on the 26th. A rally is scheduled across the street from the auditorium in which the Vice President is to speak. The demonstrators then plan to march to a downtown park where another rally will be held. Reportedly the radical student movement at Furman University will participate in the demonstration. *FLE 10/11 10.01*

\*26 October, Raleigh, North Carolina

The Youth International Party and an unidentified group of students have announced demonstrations at North Carolina State University during Vice President Agnew's visit to that campus. The Yippies plan a "spoof of the Agnew rhetoric," and plan to disrupt the Vice President's speech through continued applause. The unidentified student group will hold a "free people's lunch" on the campus and will listen to the Vice President's speech over a loud speaker and then will have their own speakers discuss the Agnew statement. Reportedly chaplains at the university have donated \$225 to the demonstrators. One student, *FLE 10/11 10.01* allegedly has obtained a number of tickets to the Vice President's speech but has not indicated what use will be made of them. *FLE 10/11 10.01*

26 October - 1 November, International

During a strategy action conference held at Milwaukee from 11-13 September, delegates from the Student Strike Committee at the University of California at Berkeley reported that a week of international protest against the war in Southeast Asia on the above dates would be coordinated by the Berkeley group. Targets of the international protest are U.S. corporations with visibility abroad. General Motors, General Electric, International Telephone and Telegraph, Standard Oil, and Pan American Airways have been named as some targets of the protest. These protests which will probably be in the form of demonstrations are being organized in Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Nationalist China (Taiwan), West Germany, South Korea, Thailand, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. *FLE 10/11 10.01*

30 October, Madison, Wisconsin

The New Year's Gang, a small group claiming credit for the August bombing of the Army Mathematics Research Center at the University of Wisconsin, has threatened dire consequences if several gang demands are not met by 30 October. Included among measures

that the gang will take are open warfare, kidnapping of important officials and assassination. Since all known members of the gang are presently fugitives and believed to be out of the country, it is not expected that gang threats for Madison on 30 October will be implemented. 1/20/68 4/5/68 - 10/1/68 - 10/1/68 - 10/1/68

\*30 October, New York

A Cleveland Puerto Rican group seeking independence for Puerto Rico plans to demonstrate at the UN Building on 30 October. Demonstrators will demand that the UN "listen to the voices of liberation for Puerto Rico," and "identify the U.S. as the exploiter of Puerto Rico." A spokesman for the group has stated that he has a permit for the demonstration along with the BPP on the proposed date. Two hundred persons are expected from Cleveland, and the spokesman indicated that the demonstration will be peaceful. "Violence," states the spokesman, "will depend on the reaction of the authorities." FILE 150550 1007 70

\*31 October, Nationwide

Protest demonstrations in a growing number of American cities will be sponsored on this date by the National Peace Action Coalition. This coalition was begun last June at a Cleveland meeting dominated and controlled by the Trotskyite family of organizations (SWP, YSA, Student Mobe). The new name was adopted because the Trotskyites have picked up some support from nonstudent organizations including some labor groups, some Mexican-American radicals in the Western United States, and others. Reportedly Women's Liberation and some "Third World" organizations as well as GI groups are lending some support to scheduled demonstrations.

The National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression, which is basically the successor organization to the New Mobe and comprises those individuals and organizations who are in disagreement with the Trotskyite single issue approach, has not formally endorsed the scheduled demonstrations on 31 October. It is possible, however, that some NCAWRR members may speak at selected rallies. The NCAWRR is now calling for its own mass demonstration at the UN Building in New York on 15 November. A sampling of demonstration plans that have been publicized so far include: at Philadelphia, a march from the JFK Plaza to Independence Mall; at Boston, a demonstration on the Boston Commons; at Trenton, a demonstration on the state

capitol grounds; at Austin, a demonstration at the capitol including military personnel from Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Hood, and Bergstrom AFB; and at Chicago, a 1 p.m. march through the Loop to the Grand Park Bandshell for a rally at 3 p.m. Organizations that have allegedly endorsed the Chicago march include UAW Local 1083, the American Federation of Government Employees, the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Chicago Women's Liberation Union, Veterans for Peace in Vietnam, and the Communications Industry for Peace and Freedom.

Plans at Washington, D.C., are for a rally to be held in Lafayette Park where thousands of people are expected by the planners in defiance of the limit of 500 demonstrators which has been set by the U.S. Department of Interior. At Madison, Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin Student Mobe chapter is seeking permission to demonstrate during a weekend football game. In addition, an antiwar march is scheduled for the following day, 1 November, at Madison. At Tuscaloosa demonstrators will attempt to march in the University of Alabama's homecoming parade and then will hold an antiwar rally on the campus. At Tucson demonstrators plan to occupy the University of Arizona administration building.

So far demonstrations have been announced in the following cities: Albany, Amherst (Mass.), Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Cedar Falls, Chicago, Columbus (Ohio), Denver, Detroit, El Paso, Ft. Worth, Lawrence (Kansas), Logan (Utah), Los Angeles, Madison, Minneapolis, New Haven, New York City, Niagra Falls, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Providence, Racine, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa, Trenton, Tucson, Tuscaloosa, Washington, D.C., Worcester (Mass.), and York.

Jerry Gordon, chairman of the NPAC, expects the biggest rallies and marches on the 31st to be at New York and Boston. In a mid-October press conference Gordon also advised that rallies and marches throughout the country would be peaceful and confrontations would be forbidden. Those demonstrating in all cities named (and probably several that will yet be added) will probably not be as successful as antiwar leaders hope in terms of number of participants. The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Police Intelligence Unit is not expecting any problems in controlling what they believe will be a disappointingly small turnout for demonstration planners. It would appear that enthusiasm for demonstrations of this type is on the wane, and the demonstrations scheduled for 31 October may herald the beginning of the end for continued demonstrations of this type. If the 31 October demonstrations fail miserably, future protests will probably be calculated to be smaller but angrier.

It is not believed that Government facilities are targeted for disruption on 31 October. *Continued 10/31/70 - FBI 11/01/70 - NYT 11/1/70*  
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\*November, Washington, D.C.

The BPP continues to schedule the second session of a constitutional convention sometime during the month. The dates are not firm because the site has not yet been determined. With the assistance of the prestigious Washington law firm Arnold and Porter the Panthers go to court on 26 October to seek the legal right to stage their convention at Washington's National Guard Armory. Washington police officials expect the Panthers to lose their legal battle, and they will again be seeking suitable facilities for the convention. At this time the best bet continues to be facilities of Howard University. *Wash Post 10/27/70*

1 November, New York

The Third World Coalition is scheduling an antiwar march through Harlem on the above date. No additional details are known. *NYT 11/1/70*

\*3 November, San Francisco and Chicago

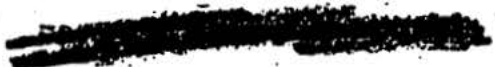

Allegedly a "Day of Wrath" was planned in an August meeting of the interim committee of SDS (SDS faction unknown but probably Revolutionary Youth Movement). According to very skimpy details, "something big" is scheduled to occur in Chicago and in the San Francisco Bay area on the above date. No further details are known. *NYT 10/27/70*

\*3 November, Detroit

National headquarters of SDS (PLP faction) at Boston has scheduled a demonstration at Detroit on election day. The demonstration will be in support of the auto workers strike and will have other themes including "elections are a hoax," "U.S. stop negotiations and get out of Vietnam now," and "support ghetto rebellions." *FBI 11/1/70*

\*9 November, New York

An extradition hearing will be held for Angela Davis on 9 November. It is expected that she will be returned to California for trial on charges of kidnapping and murder. *NYT 11/1/70*

  
\*15 November, New York City

The NCAWRR has recently announced plans for a mass demonstration at the UN Building on this date. No additional details of NCAWRR plans are known at this time.

\*17 November, Washington, D.C.

Mayor Walter E. Washington and Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe have announced a public hearing on the Three Sisters Bridge on the above date. Construction of the bridge over the Three Sister Islands has, in the past, motivated environmental activists to protest and demonstrate at the river bank to impede construction of the planned span. If it is eventually decided to continue construction across the Three Sister's, additional protest demonstrations by concerned citizens with help from the Washington street people community can be anticipated.

\*21 November, Toronto, Canada



The trial of William Kunstler, well known radical lawyer, will convene in Toronto on the above date. Kunstler is charged with assault causing bodily harm as a result of his striking a leader of a Canadian right-wing organization on the head with a water pitcher several months ago. Kunstler, at the time, was in Canada on a speaking engagement. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

22 November, South Bend, Indiana

A regional strategy action conference, which contains elements of the New Mobe, met at South Bend on 30 September to plan a demonstration against the Vietnam War and unemployment at South Bend on 22 November. Of the 14 individuals present at the 30 September conference, six reportedly are current members of the Communist Party.

30 November-2 December, Detroit

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War will hold an antiwar press conference at Detroit on the above dates. A similar press conference was held on 25 September at Minneapolis where five members of the organization gave eye witness accounts of atrocities committed against the Vietnamese people by U.S. forces.

  
\*4-6 December, Unknown Location

The National Peace Action Coalition which is sponsoring anti-war demonstrations on 31 October in a number of American cities is scheduling a national convention of the antiwar movement at an as yet undecided location on the above dates. Depending on the success or failure of the 31 October protests, this convention may well reunite the now feuding major elements in the antiwar movement. If the turnout of 31 October is rated by the Trotskyite leadership as marginally successful or better, the Trotskyites (SWP, YSA, Student Mobe) will probably elect to continue going it alone with their "single issue" tactic. If activities planned for 31 October, on the other hand, flop, the Trotskyites may well reunite with the CPUSA-dominated NCAWRR. [REDACTED]

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